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SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

Every member is requested to preserve this "Supplement," which contains matters specially referred to Divisions, until the subjects have been discussed by the Division to which he belongs. BY ORDER.

MATTERS REFERRED TO DIVISIONS.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

FOR

Annual Representative Meeting

TO BE HELD IN

Caxton Hall, Caxton Street, Westminster, S.W.,

ON

JULY 24th, 1906, and following days (as may be necessary).

The Annual General Meeting is fixed for Tuesday, July 24th, 1906, at 10 a.m., to be immediately followed by the Annual Representative Meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1.

A. Receive the return of the election of Representatives of Divisions for the year, and receive notices, if any, of the appointment of substitutes for Representatives, under Article XXX and By-law 18.

2.

B. Elect Chairman.

3.

C. Adopt Standing Orders.

The Standing Orders as adopted at Leicester will be found appended (see p. 236).

Notice has been given of the following motions for amendment:

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS.

4.

By the DUNDEE BRANCH:

That there be added:—

(*a*) The Annual Representative Meeting shall at its first meeting appoint a Committee of five members, who shall report upon the financial aspects of any proposal involving special expenditure which has not already been reported on by the Finance Committee.

5.

(*b*) The Meeting shall not consider any proposal involving special expenditure until it has been reported upon by the Finance Committee, or by the Committee appointed as above.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

6.

D. Receive the Annual Report of the Council, presented under By-law 34, and consider motions relating thereto.

ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL, 1905-6.*

* The Annual Report of the Council was published in the SUPPLEMENT of April 28th.

7.

E. Receive the Financial Estimate presented by the Council under By-law 34, and consider motions relating thereto.

8.

F. Receive Special Report of the Council pursuant to Minutes 50, 53, and 54, of the Representative Meeting at Leicester:

Minute 50.

Resolved: That the Representative Meeting issue the necessary authority for application on behalf of the Association to be made to the Privy Council praying His Majesty to grant a Royal Charter of Incorporation to the Association.

Minute 54.

Resolved *nem. con.:* That the Central Council be instructed to submit the draft of the application for a Royal Charter to the Divisions as soon as possible, with an estimate of the probable cost and with an explanatory memorandum.

9.

G. Receive Additional Reports of the Council (if any) in the order in which the Council shall submit them for consideration, and consider motions relating thereto.

10.

H. Receive the Report of the Medico-Political Committee, and consider motions relating thereto.

MEDICO-POLITICAL COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING FOR THE YEAR 1905-6.*

11.

I. Receive Special Report of the Medico-Political Committee on action taken under the scheme, approved by the Representative Meeting at Oxford, for the nomination of candidates for the General Medical Council. (For List of Candidates see page 238.)

12.

J. Receive the Report of the Ethical Committee, and consider motions relating thereto.

ETHICAL COMMITTEE.

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE REPRESENTATIVE MEETING FOR THE YEAR 1905-6.*

13.

K. Consider any motions placed upon the Agenda of the Meeting by which it is proposed to make By-laws or to alter or repeal existing By-laws:

I. Amendments of substance of existing By-laws.

II. Proposed new By-laws.

* The annual report of the Medico-Political and Ethical Committees will be published at an early date.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

I. AMENDMENT OF EXISTING BY-LAWS.

14.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAW 17.

Grants to Divisions.

By the ALTRINCHAM DIVISION (Lancashire and Cheshire Branch):

To amend By-law 17 by adding to it the following words: "If a Division shall be of opinion that the grant annually made by the Branch Council in any year to the Division is insufficient to defray those expenses which are necessary for the proper conduct of the work of the Division, the Central Council may, upon representation having been made to it by the said Division to that effect, direct that such additional grant shall be made by the Branch to the Division as the Central Council shall deem necessary, and the Branch Council shall thereupon make such additional grant; provided that in no case shall a Branch be called upon by the Central Council to make a greater additional grant than will raise the total amount granted by the Branch to that Division for the year to three shillings per head of the membership of the Division."

[*Supplement, February 24th.*]

Existing By-law 17.

Out of the moneys received in accordance with the last preceding By-law, the Branch shall defray all its expenses, and shall also pay to each Division of the Branch such sum per Member as the Branch Council may consider necessary to defray the expenses of the Division.

15.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAW 23.

Representatives on Central Council.

By the HAMPSTEAD DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That a Branch have an additional member on the Central Council for each complete 300 members in excess of 400.

Existing By-law 23.

Any Branch, or group of Branches, having an aggregate membership of not less than 200 may elect one Member of Council, and any Branch or group of Branches having an aggregate membership of not less than 400 may elect two Members of Council, and an additional member for each complete 600 Members in excess of 400. Branches in the United Kingdom having less than 200 Members shall be grouped for this purpose with neighbouring Branches, unless in the opinion of the Council the special conditions of any such Branch justify the grant of separate representation. The grouping of Branches not within the United Kingdom for the purpose of electing Members of Council shall be determined by the Council, provided that the total number of Members of Council whom such Branches are entitled to elect shall not be less in proportion to the total membership thereof than those elected by the Branches in the United Kingdom.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

16.

BY THE COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION:

ADDITIONAL SECTION OF BY-LAW 40.

Science Committee.

That a Science Committee, consisting of fourteen members, shall be appointed by the Council, who shall advise, and where so directed act for, the Council in all matters not specially referred to other Committees which concern the work of the Association for the promotion of the Medical and allied Sciences, including the conditions of award of Scholarships, Grants, or Medals given by the Association, or under trusts undertaken by the Association, the adjustment of the Sections at the Annual Meeting, the arrangement of Committees for special scientific work, and the encouragement and assistance of the scientific work of the Branches and Divisions. The Committee shall have power to co-opt, for the consideration of the award of Scholarships, Grants, and Medals, members, not exceeding four in number, specially qualified to assist in its work.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

17.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAW 40.

Standing Committees.

BY the DUNDEE BRANCH:

That the By-law be amended in accordance with the following propositions:

A.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

(1) That there be a Finance Committee.

(2) That there be a Journal Committee.

(3) That there be a Hospitals Committee.

(4) That there be an Arrangements (Annual Meeting) Committee.

(5) That the Premises and Library Committee be removed from the List.

B.—MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES.

(6) That the Chairman of Representative Meetings and the Treasurer be *ex officio* members of all Committees.

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE.

(7) That the Chairman of the Organization Committee for the time being be *ex officio* a member of the Finance Committee.

(8) That the Chairman of the Journal Committee for the time being be *ex officio* a member of the Finance Committee.

(9) That the Chairman of the Science Committee for the time being be *ex officio* a member of the Finance Committee.

(10) That the Chairman of the Medico-Political Committee for the time being be *ex officio* a member of the Finance Committee.

(11) That in addition to the *ex officio* members, the Finance Committee have eight ordinary members appointed by the Council from its own number.

2. JOURNAL COMMITTEE.

(12) That the Journal Committee have nine ordinary members appointed by the Council, of whom five at least shall be from its own number.

3. HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

(13) That the Hospitals Committee have twelve ordinary members appointed by the Council, of whom six at least shall be from its own number.

4. ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE.

(14) That the Arrangements Committee have as ordinary members six members appointed by the Council from its own number, and six members appointed by the Local Executive Committee for the annual meeting.

C.—FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEES.

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE.

(15) That it be the duty of the Finance Committee to certify the accounts prior to their presentation to the Council.

(16) That it be the duty of the Finance Committee to advise the Council on the administration of any funds held in trust by the Association and of the Superannuation Fund, and, when necessary, the appointment of administrators for any such funds.

(17) That it be the duty of the Finance Committee to report to the Council on the financial bearings of any proposals involving special expenditure.

(18) That it be the duty of the Finance Committee to supervise and report to the Council on the general working and organization of the central office.

(19) That it be the duty of the Finance Committee to consider and report to the Council upon the management of the property of the Association.

2. JOURNAL COMMITTEE.

(20) That it shall be the duty of the Journal Committee to consider and report to the Council upon any matters connected with the JOURNAL or other publications of the Association.

3. HOSPITALS COMMITTEE.

(21) That it shall be the duty of the Hospitals Committee to consider and report to the Council upon all questions concerning hospitals and other medical charities.

4. ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE.

(22) That it shall be the duty of the Arrangements Committee (*a*) to advise the Council on the arrangements for the Annual Meeting, including the definition of Sections and Subsections; (*b*) to submit to the Council a list of nominations for the officers of Sections and readers of the addresses.

5. REDRAFTING OF BY-LAW 40.

(23) That it be an instruction to the Chairman, the Secretaries, and the Solicitor to adjust By-law 40 in accordance with these and any non-conflicting resolutions adopted at the Annual Representative Meeting, and until this be done these resolutions shall take the place of any corresponding parts of the present By-law 40.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

18.

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAW 40.

Standing Committees: Election.

By the NORTH MANCHESTER DIVISION (Lancashire and Cheshire Branch):

That the Annual Representative Meeting be empowered to elect half the members of each Standing Committee.

19.

Attendance.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

By the NORTH MANCHESTER DIVISION (Lancashire and Cheshire Branch):

That any member of a Standing Committee of the Association absenting himself from two successive meetings without satisfactory explanation shall be deemed to have resigned, and the Committee shall forthwith fill the vacancy.

[*Supplement, March 31st.*]

Existing By-law 40, *Standing Committees.*

Nevertheless, there shall be Standing Committees as follow:

(1) *Journal and Finance.*

A Journal and Finance Committee not exceeding fifteen in number (five to form a quorum) shall be appointed by the Council, which shall, *inter alia*, examine into the general working of the Office and of the Journal, and certify the quarterly accounts prior to their being presented to the Council.

(2) *Premises and Library.*

A Premises and Library Committee not exceeding nine in number (three to form a quorum) shall be appointed by the Council, to which shall be referred all matters connected with the Library and its management, as well as the management of the House Property of the Association.

(3) *Public Health.*

A Public Health Committee not exceeding nine in number (three to form a quorum) shall be appointed by the Council, to which shall specially be referred all questions relating to Public Health and the Poor-law Medical Service.

(4) *Colonial.*

A Colonial Committee not exceeding nine in number (three to form a quorum) shall be appointed, to which shall be referred all questions specially relating to the Branches not in the United Kingdom. Of such Committee five members shall be appointed by the Representatives of these Branches on the Council, and two by the Council.

(5) *Naval and Military.*

A Royal Naval and Military Committee, not exceeding nine in number (three to form a quorum), shall be appointed by the Council, to which shall be referred all matters relating to the Royal Navy Medical Service, the Army Medical Service, the Indian Medical Service, and the Medical Organization of the Auxiliary Forces. Such Committee to include the Representative Members of these Services who are on the Council.

(6) *Medico-Political.*

A Medico-Political Committee shall be appointed, consisting of sixteen members (seven to form a quorum), which shall deal with all matters involving the public relations of the Profession not specially referred to other Committees, and shall be composed of the Chairman of Representative Meeting, the Treasurer, *ex officio*, and twelve other Members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Council, until the first Representative Meeting, and thereafter six of such Members shall be appointed by the Council, and six by the Representative Meeting. Such Committee to report to the Council and to the Representative Meeting, to act under the Council, and to have the services of a salaried officer.

(7) *Ethical.*

An Ethical Committee (otherwise designated the Central Ethical Committee) shall be appointed consisting of twelve members (five to form a quorum) which shall advise the Council on proposed Rules of Divisions and Branches relating to professional conduct, shall investigate and report to the Council upon the cases of Members whose conduct is to be considered by the Council, shall adjudicate in cases of disputes on ethical questions referred to it by Members of the Association, and generally shall advise, and, where so directed, act for the Council, on all questions of Professional conduct. Until the first Representative Meeting such Committee shall be appointed by the Council, and thereafter five members of such Committee shall be appointed by the Council and five by the Representative Meeting. This Committee shall have the services of a salaried officer.

(8) *Organization.*

An Organization Committee shall be appointed by the Council, not exceeding nine in number (three to form a quorum), which, subject to the directions of the Council, shall deal with all questions of the boundaries or area of Divisions and Branches, and the Rules thereof other than those relating to ethical matters, and advise the Council thereon, and shall exercise such powers as may be conferred upon it by the Council in advising and assisting Divisions or Branches in the strengthening of their organization. This Committee shall have power to add to its number, for special purposes, a limited number of Members specially qualified to assist in its work. This Committee shall have the services of a salaried officer.

(9) *Scottish Committee.*

A Scottish Committee, consisting of one Secretary from each Scottish Branch and the Scottish Members of the Central Council. It shall have a Secretary, resident in Scotland, and shall meet at such place and time as the Committee may itself direct, and shall report to the Council on any matters specially concerning Scotland.

(10) *Irish Committee.*

An Irish Committee, consisting of the Irish Members of the Central Council, one Secretary from each Irish Branch, and one Member elected by each Branch; provided that, in the case of the Leinster and Ulster Branches, such elected Members shall be practitioners not resident either in Dublin or Belfast, and provided that, in the event of the Secretary of a Branch being also a Member of the Central Council, such Branch shall have power to elect a further Member of the Committee.

II.—PROPOSED NEW BY-LAWS.

20.

By the COUNCIL OF THE ASSOCIATION:

(By-law drafted by the Council pursuant to Instructions of the Representative Meeting at Leicester.)

(1) Representation of the Representative Meeting on the Council.

That the Representative Meeting shall have power to elect annually not more than six members of the Central Council.

21.

Addition Proposed by the Council.

(2) Tenure of Office of Members of Council Elected by the Representative Meeting.

That each member of Council elected by the Representative Meeting shall hold office for one year, and at the end of that time shall be eligible for re-election, unless he has served as a member of Council elected by the Representative Meeting for six years successively, in which case he shall for one year be incapable of being so elected.

22.

(By-law drafted by the Council pursuant to Instructions of the Representative Meeting at Leicester.)

(3) Supplementary Grants to Divisions and Branches.

In addition to the grants made in pursuance of By-law 16, the Council, on the application of any Division or Branch, shall have power to make a supplementary grant of such amount as the Council may deem proper. Every application by a Division, not itself a Branch, shall be forwarded through the Branch Council, whose duty it shall be to transmit the same to the Central Council, with such comment, if any, as the Branch Council may deem expedient.

All applications for supplementary grants shall be referred by the Council to the Organization Committee for report thereon, and, in considering the same, the said Committee and Council shall have regard to the evidence of work done by or through the agency of such Division or Branch for the Association or the medical profession, and also to the amount which may have been voluntarily subscribed locally for any purpose for which such a grant may be desired.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

L. Consider proposed alterations of the Articles of Association which are submitted for the consideration of the Representative Meeting.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS OF THE ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION.

23.

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE XXVII.

Election of Representatives.

By the WANDSWORTH DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

For "three months" read "nine months."

Existing Article.

Representatives of Divisions shall be elected by Constituencies formed as follows, each such Constituency being entitled to elect one Representative:—Any Division having not less than 50 Members may form one Constituency, and every Division having less than 50 Members shall be grouped by the Council with another Division or with other Divisions to form a Constituency having not less than 50 Members. In no case shall the total number of Constituencies formed throughout the Association exceed 300, and the final delimitation of such Constituencies shall rest with the Council. In the case of a Constituency formed within the United Kingdom, the Representative shall be elected by a general meeting of Members of the Constituency held not more than 3 months nor less than 3 weeks before the Annual Representative Meeting, and in the case of a Constituency not formed within the United Kingdom, the Representative shall be elected either in manner aforesaid or by voting papers sent to each Member of the Constituency, as the said Constituency may decide. Such meeting shall be convened, or such voting papers dispatched by the Secretary of the Constituency, who, in the case of a Constituency composed of more than one Division, shall be chosen by the Secretaries of those Divisions, and if they cannot agree, by the Council. The Secretary of each Constituency shall inform, not less than 14 days before the Representative Meeting, the General Secretary of the name and address of the Representative elected by such

Constituency, and the General Secretary shall issue to such Representative a ticket of admission to the Meeting.

[*Supplement, March 3rd.*]

24.

Expenses of Representatives.

By the NORTHAMPTONSHIRE DIVISION (South Midland Branch):

That the Representatives of Divisions be paid all out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending Representative Meetings, etc.

[*Supplement, February 24th.*]

25.

Expenses of Representatives.

By the WANDSWORTH DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

(Amendment to foregoing motion by the Northamptonshire Division.)

That the word "all" in the first line and the word "etc." in the third line be omitted, and that at the end the words "to the extent of not more than 15s. a day" be added.

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M. Consider motions placed upon the Agenda of the Meeting by Divisions or Branches, relating to the honour and interests of the Medical Profession or of the Association.

NOTICES OF MOTION

(OTHER THAN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS OF ARTICLES, BY-LAWS, OR STANDING ORDERS).

The following notices have been grouped according to the subjects to which they severally relate:

I.—NOTICES AFFECTING THE REGULATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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26.

Officers of Divisions.

By the WANDSWORTH DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That it be an instruction to the Central Council to alter all Articles and By-laws so that "the Chairman of a Division" be called "the President of the Division"; and the "Executive Committee of a Division" be called "the Division Council."

[*Supplement, March 3rd.*]

27.

Constitution of Central Council of the Association.

By the HAMPSTEAD DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That at least one Registered Dental Surgeon should be added to the Central Council of the Association, either by election or by co-option.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

BY-LAWS 16 AND 17.

Capitation Grants.

By the WANDSWORTH DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch).

28.

(1) That in view of the greater activity and organization now apparent in various Divisions of the Association, the time has come for reconsideration of By-laws 16 and 17 whereby fixed capitation grants are made to the Branches and through them to the Divisions.

29.

(2) That it be an instruction to the Central Council to consider the following among other subjects, and report to the Divisions by March 31st, 1907, what changes in the By-laws they suggest.

30.

(*a*) That it is not desirable that there be gradually accumulating funds lying idle in the hands of various Branches, which, as such (at all events for the present), seem to have no need of them.

31.

(*b*) In view of the expenses of local Scientific Medical Societies it is not unreasonable to suppose that some Divisions should require grants up to even 7s. 6d. a head per annum, which might be given in instalments in accordance with work done, and made direct from the Central Office.

32.

(*c*) That there should also be made direct to Branches, for Branch expenses, from the Central Office capitation grants up to 2s. 6d. per annum in accordance with work done, which could be increased by grants from Divisions for special purposes made by special Division resolutions.

33.

(*d*) That a basis for the necessary first instalment in each year to a Branch or Division could be arrived at by consideration of the average of expenses incurred during the past three years.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

34.

Capitation Grant to Divisions and Branches.

Local Control.

By the BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION (Dorset and West Hants Branch):

That the Capitation Grant to Branches should be absolutely at the disposal of the Branches and Divisions, and to be allocated to the Divisions as agreed on.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

II.—NOTICES AFFECTING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

35. PREMISES.

Alterations.

By the WANDSWORTH DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That it be an instruction to the Central Council before arranging for any alteration of the present premises of the Association involving an outlay of over £200, or the obtaining at any time of premises elsewhere in London or the provinces, to first consult the members through the Divisions and obtain their wishes on the main principles involved.

[*Supplement, February 10th.*]

36.

Management of Library.

By the CITY DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That it be an instruction to the Council of the Association to make arrangements for keeping the Library of the Association open till 11 p.m. daily; except on Saturdays, when it shall be open till 1 p.m.

[*Supplement, March 3rd.*]

37.

Circulating Medical Library.

By the GATESHEAD DIVISION (North of England Branch):

That the Council of the Association be requested to take into consideration the feasibility of adding to the other attractions of the Association a Circulating Medical Library, and report to the Divisions in time for a decision to be taken at the next Representative Meeting.

[*Supplement, April 28th.*]

38.

Facilities for Social Intercourse at Head Office.

By the CITY DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That it be an instruction to the Council of the Association to provide facilities at the Association's premises in London for the better social intercourse of members, especially country members visiting London.

[*Supplement, March 3rd.*]

39.

OFFICIAL REPORTS AND JOURNAL.

Title "Doctor."

By the GATESHEAD DIVISION (North of England Branch):

That in all official reports connected with the Association and in the columns of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, the word Dr. be used as a title for every registered medical man unless he is either known to be practising as a consulting surgeon or has signified his desire to be called Mr.

[*Supplement, February 10th.*]

40.

YEAR BOOK.

Date of Issue.

By the NORTH MANCHESTER DIVISION (Lancashire and Cheshire Branch):

That the Year Book be issued not later than October 1st in each year.

41.

OFFICIALS.

Regulation and Co-ordination of Duties.

By the NORTH MANCHESTER DIVISION (Lancashire and Cheshire Branch):

That a Committee be appointed to inquire into the duties of the General and Medical Secretaries, with a view to their better regulation and co-ordination.

[*Supplement, March 31st.*]

42.

District Organizing Secretaries.

By the WANDSWORTH DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That in order to accelerate the consideration of, and dealing with, matters of local interest that do not affect the principles or policy of the Association, and so relieve the routine work of the Central Office, it is desirable that there be gradually introduced the principle of District Organizing Medical Secretaries. That it be an instruction to the Central Council to consider the matter, and to report with a scheme to the Divisions by March 31st, 1907.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

II.—NOTICES AFFECTING THE WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION.

I.—MEDICO-POLITICAL.

43.

Coroners' Law: Medical Witnesses.

By the HAMPSTEAD DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That the medical witness at a coroner's inquest should be the medical man last in attendance upon the deceased, or the first to see the dead body, as has been the practice until recently pursued.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

Nurses' Registration: Representation of Medical Profession on Central Board.

By the WANDSWORTH DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

44.

(1) That in the opinion of this Representative Meeting the number of seats allotted to the medical profession on the Council in the Bill for Nurses' Registration now before the House of Commons is inadequate.

45.

(2) That it be an instruction to the Central Council to take the necessary steps in order to have the one seat allotted under the auspices of this Association increased to seven.

46.

Payment of Medical Men called in in Complicated Midwives' Cases.

By the HAMPSTEAD DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That the recommendations of the Medico-Political Committee relative to the payment of Medical Men called in to attend the patients of midwives be endorsed, and the Council of the Association urged to take immediate steps to ensure the introduction of clauses dealing with this matter into any suitable Bill at the earliest possible moment.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

Vaccination.

By the HAMPSTEAD DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

47.

Compulsory Revaccination.

That revaccination prior to the statutory age for leaving elementary schools be made compulsory.

48.

Supply of Government Lymph to all Practitioners.

That Government lymph should be supplied to all practitioners who desire it.

49.

Office of Public Vaccinator.

That the office of Public Vaccinator should either be abolished, or made a whole-time appointment.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

50.

Contract Practice: Medical Organization.

By the HAMPSTEAD DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That for the purpose of deciding upon the local conditions under which contract practice should be carried on, an organized body, such as a Division of the British Medical Association, in conjunction with all the local profession, should be formed in each affected district.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

51.

Relation of the Medical Profession to the State. Income and Property Tax.

By the EXETER DIVISION (South-Western Branch):

That the question of the incidence of the Income Tax upon the medical profession be referred to the Divisions for consideration, together with the Memorandum on the subject submitted by the Exeter Division.

MEMORANDUM BY THE EXETER DIVISION ON REPLACEMENT OF INCOME TAX BY PROPERTY TAX.

Income tax, as now levied, puts a premium on idleness generally, and specially penalizes intellectual work, because it makes no practical distinction between income from earnings and income from property. It especially constitutes a most unfair burden on the professional classes.

Income tax thus forms a standing grievance, and a direct incentive to the introduction of steep graduation as a supposed means of remedying its injustice. But steep graduation will not right what is radically wrong in the tax, whilst it will introduce a very dangerous principle. The income tax is wrong because the theory on which it rests is wrong. The State is theoretically supposed to protect income, and income tax is the charge made for this protection. But does the State protect income? Take two illustrations:

1. A man without property earns £1,000 a year by his profession. He breaks down. (The State makes no attempt to replace his income.)
2. A family lives on an income of £1,000 a year wholly earned by a man who has no surplus to insure his life. He dies. (The State treats his survivors as paupers.)

In each of these cases a heavy payment is made to the State annually for protection of income. Where does the protection come in? It does not come in at all. The State in fact does not protect income.

The State protects two things—person and property. Person repays this protection by work and by indirect taxation; property should repay it by a proportional property tax. But income should not be taxed for protection which it does not get. In other words, income tax should be abolished and property-tax should be put in its place. No other arrangement will be equitable. Such a tax will not press on the artisan and labouring classes, will not constitute an unjust burden on the professional classes, penalizing intellectual work, but will be borne by those on whom it ought to fall—the owners of property over a certain minimum amount. By a reasonable system of exemption and abatements, its incidence can be adjusted so as not to fetter industry or to press unduly on those who may fairly claim abatement or remission. It will no more stop saving than the present income tax stops earning. It will no more drive capital out of the country than the income tax does. It will remove the excuse now existing for such confiscatory taxation as a steeply-graduated income tax.

Now that the principles of taxation are likely to be considered, this change from income tax to property tax ought to be taken into account.

[*Supplement, April 21st.*]

52.

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL.

Declaration.

By the GATESHEAD DIVISION (North of England Branch):

That the second paragraph in the "Declaration by Candidates," in the Scheme for Selection of Candidates for the General Medical Council by

the British Medical Association, be omitted as unnecessary.

[*Supplement, February 10th.*]

II.—ETHICAL.

Position of Consultants: Proposed Separate Class.

By the HAMPSTEAD DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

53.

That a class to be styled "Consultants" shall be recognized as possessing special knowledge and experience of at least one department of practice and shall undertake not to treat patients, habitually, either at their own consulting rooms or at the houses of patients or elsewhere, except in co-operation throughout the treatment of any case, either personally or by correspondence, with practitioners usually in charge of such patients.

54.

Rider: This does not refer, under present circumstances, to patients seen at the charitable institutions to whose staff consultants are attached.

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III.—HOSPITALS.

55.

Constitution and Management of Hospitals.

Representation of Local Profession on Committee.

By the HAMPSTEAD DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

That the constitution and management of hospitals whose staff are general practitioners are specially a matter of concern to the local profession, who should be adequately represented on the Committee of Management.

Hospital Administration.

By the HAMPSTEAD DIVISION (Metropolitan Counties Branch):

56.

That the following be substituted for the corresponding paragraphs in the propositions already approved by the Representative Meeting as to Hospital Administration. (Published by the Hospitals Committee in the SUPPLEMENT for February 17th, 1906.)

(*a*) For Paragraph 10 substitute the following:

57.

Limitation of Cases.

(10) That the number of new cases to be seen professionally on any one day by an honorary medical officer shall be limited to 20 (until the out-patient departments become consultative).

(*b*) For Paragraph 12 substitute the following:

58.

Retirement of Staff.

(12) That it is desirable that in all hospitals there shall be an age and service limit for the retirement of the members of the medical and surgical staff.

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59.

NOTICES OF MOTION NOT CLASSIFIED.

By the WATERFORD DIVISION (South-Eastern of Ireland Branch):

(1) That it be an instruction to our Representative to move at the annual meeting a motion to carry into effect our resolution asking for a representative on the Council of the Association for small Branches like ours where, as in our case, they represent interests different from and antagonistic to those of the predominant and associated Branch.

(2) That he be instructed to move that the Association and its Council do bring to a practical conclusion the question of medical defence of the members of this Association, than which we conceive none to be more important to members of this Association, whether individually or collectively.

(3) That the same be further instructed to move that such steps be taken to give practical effect to the Oxford resolutions, and to the whole trend of medical opinion, on the subject of the gratuitous or semi-gratuitous hospital treatment of the well-to-do as will place our profession in the same position as that of the law, and preserve us from further plunder and robbery.

(4) That the same be further instructed to move that power be taken in the new Charter to subsidise a parliamentary representative or representatives.

(5) That he be further instructed to give his warm support to any well-considered proposal for the reform on a representative basis of the General Medical Council.

(6) That he be further instructed to take the sense of the meeting on the entire exclusion of the mass of the profession, and even of the majority of hospital staffs, from all share in medical teaching.

(7) That he be further instructed to take the sense and pleasure of the meeting on the necessity for having all medical examinations duly advertised and open to the presence of every registered medical practitioner.

(8) Further, that our Representative shall move at the annual general meeting, to be held in London in July next, that the Council be requested to appoint a Materia Medica Committee, whose duty it will be, with such professional aid as they can summon to their assistance, to investigate and pronounce on the uses and properties of all drugs which shall be used by the profession, and that in view of the grave injury inflicted on the public and on the profession alike by the present wholesale introduction of drugs by mere commercial firms, whereby the ground is being cut from under our feet, and the gullible public are induced to accept nostrums on the sole strength of mere assertions, that the hospitality of our museum and the pages of our JOURNAL shall be both shut out from giving any further aid to the wholesale advertisements of drugs and preparations the sole virtues of which have too often no existence save in the mendacity of their introducers.

(9) Further, that our Representative shall move that, in the opinion of this meeting, the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL should more largely advocate the rights, interests, and claims of the medical masses in the future than it has done in the past.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEES.

60.

N. Elect six members of the Association in accordance with By-law 40 (6) to serve on the Medico-Political Committee for the ensuing year.

By-law 40. (6) *Medico-Political.*

A Medico-Political Committee shall be appointed consisting of sixteen members (seven to form a quorum), which shall deal with all matters involving the public relations of the profession not specially referred to other Committees, and shall be composed of the Chairman of Representative Meeting, the Treasurer, *ex officio*, and twelve other members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Council, until the first Representative Meeting, and thereafter six of such members shall be appointed by the Council, and six by the Representative Meeting. Such Committee to report to the Council and to the Representative Meeting, to act under the Council, and to have the services of a salaried officer.

61.

O. Elect five members of the Association in accordance with By-law 40 (7) to serve on the Ethical Committee for the ensuing year.

By-law 40. (7) *Ethical.*

An Ethical Committee (otherwise designated the Central Ethical Committee) shall be appointed consisting of twelve members (five to form a quorum), which shall advise the Council on proposed Rules of Divisions and Branches relating to professional conduct, shall investigate and report to the Council upon the cases of members whose conduct is to be considered by the Council, shall adjudicate in cases of dispute on ethical questions referred to it by members of the Association, and generally shall advise, and, where so directed, act for the Council, on all questions of professional conduct. Until the

first Representative Meeting such Committees shall be appointed by the Council, and thereafter five members of such Committee shall be appointed by the Council and five by the Representative Meeting. This Committee shall have the services of a salaried officer.

62.

P. Elect other Committees, if any.

By Order, J. SMITH WHITAKER,
Medical Secretary.

APPENDIX.

STANDING ORDERS
RELATIVE TO
BUSINESS AT REPRESENTATIVE MEETINGS.
(As Adopted at Leicester.)

I.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

(A) *Annual Representative Meeting.*

Except as may be otherwise determined in the manner prescribed by the Standing Orders, the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Election Returns.—Receive the return of the Election of Representatives of Divisions for the year, and receive notices, if any, of the appointment of substitutes for Representatives under Article XXX.

2. Standing Orders.—Adopt Standing Orders.

3. Annual Report of Council.—Receive the Annual Report of the Council, presented under By-law 34, and consider motions relating to the adoption thereof in whole or in part.

4. Financial Estimate.—Receive the Financial Estimate presented by the Council under By-law 34, and consider motions relating to the adoption thereof in whole or in part.

5. Special Reports of Council.—Receive Special Reports of the Council, if any, in the order in which the Council shall submit them for consideration, and consider motions for the adoption thereof in whole or in part.

6. Report of Medico-Political Committee.—Receive the Report of the Medico-Political Committee, and consider motions for the adoption of the same in whole or in part.

7. Report of Ethical Committee.—Receive the Report of the Ethical Committee, and consider motions for the adoption of the same in whole or in part.

8. Elect Members of Medico-Political Committee.—Elect six members of the Association to serve on the Medico-Political Committee for the ensuing year.

9. Elect Members of Ethical Committee.—Elect five members of the Association to serve on the Ethical Committee for the ensuing year.

10. Consider By-laws.—Consider, in such order as the Meeting shall determine, any motions placed upon the Agenda of the Meeting by which it is proposed to make By-laws or to alter or repeal existing By-laws.

11. Consider other Motions by Divisions or Branches.—Consider, in such order as the Meeting shall determine, any motions placed upon the Agenda of the Meeting by Divisions or Branches, relating to the honour and interests of the Medical Profession or of the Association.

12. Amendment of Standing Orders.—Consider proposed amendments of Standing Orders, other than those relating to the order of business.

13. General Order of Daily Sessions.—The matters described in the foregoing Clauses shall be considered in the order therein prescribed, or as otherwise duly determined, from day to day until the completion thereof or until the expiration of four days from the first day of the Meeting, whichever shall first occur; provided that at each daily session after the first, the Meeting shall, before proceeding to the consideration of the matters aforesaid, (*a*) confirm the Minutes of the Proceedings of the previous daily session; (*b*) consider motions, if any, relating to the order of business of the day. At the conclusion of the business of the last daily session the Meeting shall confirm the Minutes thereof for presentation to the Council.

14. Hours of Daily Sessions.—All Representative Meetings not concluded by 6.30 p.m. shall stand adjourned either to 8 p.m. of the same day, or to the next day, as may be decided by a show of hands. All such Meetings shall stand adjourned at 10 p.m.

15. Varying Order of Business.—The order of business may be varied, either at the commencement or after the expiration of two hours from the commencement of any daily session, by the vote of two-thirds of those present and voting.

16. Precedence of Motions of which Notice Given.—Motions and amendments of which notice shall have been given to the General Secretary in time for them to appear in the Daily Journal shall have precedence, in the order in which such notice shall have been given, over those relating to the same subject, or otherwise having a like claim to precedence in the order of business, of which such notice has not been given.

17. Motions on the Same Subject.—If two or more of the motions placed on the Agenda of the meeting by the Council and by Divisions and Branches shall appear to the Chairman to relate to the same subject he shall ascertain the will of the meeting in respect of the consideration of one of such motions as an original motion, and of the others as amendments thereto, in such order as the meeting may determine.

18. Motions on Subjects dealt with in Reports.—If a recommendation of the Council or of a Committee, or an amendment moved that a specified portion of a report of the Council or of a Committee be not approved, shall appear to the Chairman to relate to the same subject as a motion placed upon the Agenda by the Council or by a Division or Branch, the Chairman shall ascertain the will of the meeting as to the consideration of the said motion as an amendment to the adoption of the said recommendation, or to the approval of the said report.

(B).—*Special Representative Meetings.*

1. Read Authority for Convening Meeting.—Read the Resolution of Council, or the requisition from Divisions, in pursuance of which the Meeting is convened.

2. Notice of Substitutes.—Receive notices, if any, of the appointment of substitutes for Representatives.

3. Order of Business.—If the Meeting is convened to consider more than one matter, determine the order in which such matters shall be considered.

4 Special Business.—Consider the matters which the Meeting is specifically convened to consider, in order determined by the Meeting.

5. Minutes.—Confirm the minutes of the Meeting for presentation to the Council.

II.—COMPOSITION AND ARRANGEMENT OF THE MEETING.

1. Composition.—The persons constituting the Meeting, hereinafter called members of the Meeting, shall be those duly elected Representatives of Divisions, or substitutes duly appointed under Article XXX and By-law 18, of whose election or appointment the General Secretary shall have received due notice, together with Members of Council for the time being.

2. Arrangement.—Distinctive seats shall be provided for the following groups of persons respectively, namely:

(*a*) Representatives of Divisions.
(*b*) Members of Council who are not Representatives of Divisions or Officers of the Association.
(*c*) Officers of the Association, present in virtue of their office, or at the request of the Meeting, for the assistance thereof.
(*d*) Members of the Association who are not Representatives of Divisions or Members of Council.
(*e*) Reporters representing such journals as may be authorized by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Meeting.

Withdrawal of Strangers.—It shall be competent at any time for a member of the Meeting to move that persons who are not members of the Meeting be requested to withdraw, or that persons who are not members of the Association be requested to withdraw, but it shall rest in the discretion of the Chairman to submit or not to submit such motion to the Meeting.

III.—PROCEDURE.

1. Temporary Chairman.—If the Chairman of Representative Meetings be not present at the time fixed for opening any daily session of a Representative Meeting, whether annual or special, the Chairman of Council, or in his absence the Treasurer, shall take the Chair, and shall forthwith call upon the Meeting to appoint a Chairman to act during the absence of the Chairman of Representative Meetings.

2. Minutes.—Minutes shall be taken of the proceedings of the Meeting, and the same shall be duly entered in a book provided for the purpose. The Minutes of each daily session of the Annual Representative Meeting shall be printed and circulated to the members of the Meeting. Minutes (if) (when) printed in the Daily Journal of the Annual Meeting shall be deemed thereby to have been circulated as required by this order.

3. Attendance.—No Representative shall leave the Meeting without permission obtained personally from the Chairman at the time of leaving. If during any daily session of a Representative Meeting it shall at any time appear to the Chairman that a quorum is not present, the roll shall be called of Representatives appointed to attend the meeting, and those Representatives who are found to be then absent, not having previously obtained leave from the Chairman, shall be deemed to have been absent from the said session. A list of members reported as absent from any daily session or sessions of a Representative Meeting shall be supplied at the close of such meeting to the Chairman and shall by him be transmitted to the Council, together with such explanations of the cause of absence as any members so reported may have furnished to him in writing.

4. Procedure as to Presentation of Reports.—A Report of the Council or of a Committee shall be brought before the Meeting by a motion or motions that the Report be received and approved, and that the recommendations to the Meeting (if any) therein contained be adopted, each such recommendation being made the subject of a separate motion. The Chairman of the body submitting a Report shall if present move the reception and adoption thereof, and of the recommendations contained therein.

5. Procedure as to Other Motions.—Motions placed on the Agenda of the Meeting by the Council shall be brought before the Meeting by the Chairman of Council if present, motions so placed by a Branch shall be introduced by a member of Council elected by the Branch, and motions so placed by a Division shall be introduced by the Representative thereof.

6. Absence of Authorized Mover of Adoption of Report or Other Motion.—In the absence of any member authorized to make any motion referred to in the two last preceding orders, any other member deputed by such member may make such motion on his behalf, and if no member shall have been so deputed, such motion shall be made formally by the Chairman.

7. Seconding Motions.—No seconder shall be required for any of the motions referred to in Sections 4 and 5. All other motions and all amendments shall be required to be moved and seconded.

8. Time Limits of Speeches.—(*a*) A member of the Meeting shall be allowed to speak for fifteen minutes in moving a resolution which does not require seconding, and for ten minutes in moving any other resolution, or any amendment. Except as aforesaid, no speech shall exceed five minutes.

Reducing Time Limit.—(*b*) The Meeting may at any period of any session reduce the time to be allowed to speakers, whether in moving resolutions or otherwise, during the remainder of such session.

9. Mode of Voting—Show of Hands.—Only Representatives of Divisions shall vote on any question before the Meeting.

Voting shall be by show of hands, except in the cases following, namely:

Vote by Card.—(*a*) If upon the Chairman proceeding to take the vote of the meeting upon any motion or amendment, any Representative of a Division shall move that the said vote be taken by card, and twenty Representatives rise in their places in support of such motion, the vote shall be taken by card.

Division.—(*b*) If the Chairman, after taking a vote by show of hands upon any motion or amendment, shall be of opinion that the numbers of members voting for and against such motion or amendment are not thereby ascertained with sufficient accuracy, he shall have power to direct that the meeting shall divide upon the said motion or amendment.

10. Election of Committees.—Any member of a Committee elected by the Representative Meeting who has not attended half of the meetings during the year, shall for one year be ineligible for appointment to the same Committee. Nominations for those members of Standing Committees who are appointed by the Annual Representative Meeting shall be handed to the Secretary of the Meeting not later than the termination of the second day's proceedings. All nominations should be made with the assent of the nominee. The names of all those who have been so nominated before the close of the second daily session shall be printed in a list which shall be circulated with the minutes of the Representative Meeting of that day. Each member desiring to vote shall mark on the voting paper with a × names not exceeding the number of members to be elected to each Committee, and shall return the paper to the Secretary at such time before the close of the day's proceedings as shall be fixed by the Chairman.

IV.—RULES OF DEBATE.

1. Every member shall be seated except the one who may be addressing the Meeting, and when the Chairman rises no one shall continue standing, nor shall any one rise until the Chair is resumed.

2. A member of the Meeting shall stand when speaking, and shall address the Chair.

3. A member who speaks shall direct his speech strictly to the motion under discussion, or to a motion or amendment to be proposed by himself, or to a question of order.

4. A member shall not address the Meeting more than once on any motion or amendment, but the mover of an original resolution may reply, and in his reply shall strictly confine himself to answering previous speakers, and shall not introduce any new matter into the debate; provided always that a Member may speak to a point of order, or, by consent of the Meeting, in explanation of some material part of a speech made by him, which he believes to have been misunderstood.

5. A motion or amendment once made and seconded shall not be altered or withdrawn without the consent of the Meeting.

6. An amendment shall be either—

To leave out words;
To leave out words and insert or add others;
To insert or add words;

or in such form as shall be approved of by the Chairman, provided always that the amendment be relevant to the motion on which it is moved, and be not equivalent to the direct negative thereof.

7. No notice of motion, or amendment to any motion before the Meeting, not already published, shall be considered by the Meeting until a copy of the same with the name of the proposer has been handed in in writing to the Chairman.

8. Whenever an amendment upon an original motion has been moved and seconded, no second or subsequent amendment shall be moved until the first amendment shall have been disposed of, but notice of any number of amendments may be given.

9. If any amendment be rejected, other amendments may be moved on the original motion. If an amendment be carried, the amendment or motion as amended shall take the place of the original motion, and shall become the question upon which any further amendment may be moved.

10. If it be proposed and seconded that the Meeting do now adjourn, or that the debate be adjourned, or that the Meeting do proceed to the next business, or that the question be now put, such resolution shall immediately be put to the vote without discussion, except as to the time of adjournment, provided always that the Chairman shall have power to decline to put to the Meeting the motions that the Meeting do proceed to the next business, or that the question be now put.

11. A motion that the Meeting do now adjourn, or that the Meeting do now proceed to the next business, or that the debate be now adjourned, or that the question be now put, shall not be made within a period of one hour after a previous motion to the like effect, unless, in the opinion of the Chairman, the circumstances are materially altered.

12. Smoking shall not be allowed during such time as the Chairman is in the Chair.

V.—SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS.

Any one or more of the Standing Orders, in any case of urgency, or upon motion made on notice given through the Daily Journal may be suspended at any Meeting, so far as regards any business of such Meeting, provided that three-fourths of those present and voting shall so decide.

GENERAL MEDICAL COUNCIL.

ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, NOVEMBER, 1906.

Meeting of Representatives for England and Wales to select Candidates for the General Medical Council.

A Meeting of Representatives for England and Wales will be held at a time fixed by the Representative Meeting to select candidates in accordance with the Scheme approved by the Representative Meeting at Oxford.

The following candidates have been duly nominated and have signed the requisite declarations:

Name.	*Address.*	*Nominating Division or Divisions.*
BROADBENT, George Harry, M.R.C.S. ... (Member of Central Ethical Committee, Member of Lancashire and Cheshire Branch Council, and Representative of North Manchester Division.)	8, Ardwick Green, Manchester	Manchester (North).
BROWNE, Henry Langley, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed. (Chairman of Council of the Association.)	Moor House, West Bromwich	Central Birmingham. City (London). Kensington. Marylebone. Swansea. West Bromwich.
BULLAR, John Follett, M.B., F.R.C.S. ... (Member of Branch Council, Southern Branch.)	7, Carlton Crescent, Southampton	Winchester.
CLARK, Andrew, F.R.C.S. ... ... (Member and late Chairman of Central Council, and President of the Metropolitan Counties Branch.)	71, Harley Street, W.	City (London). Marylebone. St. Pancras and Islington.
GODSON, Alfred, M.B., M.C.Cantab.... ... (Chairman of the Stockport, Macclesfield, and East Cheshire Division.)	Cheadle House, Cheadle, Cheshire	Stockport, Macclesfield, and East Cheshire.
HELME, Thomas Arthur, M.D., M.R.C.P. ... (Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of Lancashire and Cheshire Branch, Member of Central Council and Medico-Political Committee.)	3, St. Peter's Square, and Mayfield, Victoria Park, Manchester	Manchester (Central). Manchester (West).
JACKSON, George, F.R.C.S. ... ... (President of the South-Western Branch, and Member of the Medico-Political Committee.)	10, Portland Villas, Plymouth	Exeter. Gateshead. Kensington. Manchester (North). Plymouth.
LATIMER, Henry Arthur, M.D. ... ... (Chairman and Representative of Swansea Division, Member of Medico-Political Committee.)	4, Belvoir Place, Swansea	Swansea. South-West Wales.
McMANUS, Leonard Strong, M.D. ... ... (Representative of Wandsworth Division, Member of Medico-Political Committee.)	25, Spencer Park, Wandsworth Common, S.W.	Stratford. Wandsworth.
MORISON, James Rutherford, F.R.C.S. ... (Member of Branch Council and Chairman of Northumberland Committee, North of England Branch.)	14, Saville Row, Newcastle-on-Tyne	Blyth. Cleveland. Consett. Furness. Gateshead. Marylebone. Newcastle-on-Tyne. North Northumberland. South Shields. Stockton-on-Tees. Sunderland. Wandsworth.
RENSHAW, Charles Jeremiah, M.D., F.F.P.S.Glas. ... (Representative on Lancashire and Cheshire Branch Council and ex-Chairman of Altrincham Division.)	Beech Hurst, Ashton-on-Mersey, Lancashire	Altrincham. Manchester (Central). Manchester (West).
RHODES, John Milson, M.D. ... ... (Chairman of South Manchester Division, Lancashire and Cheshire Branch.)	Ivy Lodge, Didsbury, Manchester	Manchester (Central). Manchester (South).
SMITH, Frederick John, F.R.C.P., M.D. ... (Honorary Secretary, Metropolitan Counties Branch.)	138, Harley Street, W.	Stratford.
STRATON, Charles Robert, F.R.C.S.Edin. ... (Member of Central Council, Medico-Political Committee and Colonial Committee.)	West Lodge, Wilton, Salisbury	Wandsworth. Winchester.

By Order, J. SMITH WHITAKER, *Medical Secretary.*

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH:

COVENTRY DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on April 3rd, Dr. DAVIDSON being in the chair.

Paper.—Mr. W. E. BENNETT read a paper on The Tolerance of the Peritoneum. A discussion followed, in which Drs. MILNER MOORE, PENDRED, and J. ORTON took part, and Mr. BENNETT replied.

Provident Dispensaries.—Dr. DAVIDSON proposed the adoption of the resolution recommended by the Committee, namely:

> That the Division having, on February 15th, last, approved of a scheme of principles and rules which they consider appropriate for the proper management of a provident dispensary, hereby declare that no member of the profession in the area of the Division should associate himself with or continue to be associated with any provident dispensary which is managed on lines fundamentally different from those principles and rules.

Before moving the adoption of the resolution recommended by the Committee of the Division, he thought it would be well to refer to the way in which the dispensary question had been brought to the notice of the Division at that time. He did not think it necessary to recapitulate the various agitations against the Coventry Dispensary during the last twelve or fifteen years, or the attempts of the staff to obtain internal reforms in the working of the institution, nor would it be seemly on his part, from the position he once held on the staff, so to do. Dr. Davidson thought, however, that all would agree that contract medical practice, as understood and approved by the medical profession generally, aimed at providing attendance and medicine during sickness to working men and their families, who were too poor to pay the ordinary fees, by small regular payments during health. The dispensary was a large institution of subscribing or free members and members of friendly societies devoted to contract work only, and under the control and management of a committee of which an overwhelming majority were laymen, and here a danger arose of persons in a superior position, and able to pay the ordinary fees, being allowed to become members, and take advantage of contract work which was never intended for them. There was no doubt this abuse did exist and still existed, and as long as it remained it acted detrimentally not only on those on the staff of the institution, but on those who were in practice unconnected with it. It had become evident that this state of affairs could not go on indefinitely, and the staff of the dispensary seemed to have arrived at the same conclusion, for they recently approached the Committee of the Division and submitted two questions: (1) What reforms does the Division think should be introduced into the management of the dispensary? and (2) what support will the Division accord to the staff of the dispensary in carrying out these reforms? The Committee, however, did not feel that they could in any way pledge the Division in either of these questions; they therefore proceeded to answer the first question by recommending the Division to adopt the scheme of fundamental principles and rules for the management of provident dispensaries recommended by the Medico-Political Committee of the Association with certain modifications. The scheme, somewhat modified, was adopted by this Division on February 15th last. This, therefore, formed the answer of the Division to the first question. The second question as to what support the Division would accord to the staff in trying to carry out the reforms presented some difficulties. It would, for instance, be of little assistance to the staff of the dispensary for the Division to offer threats of what resolutions it would pass if the staff were unable to carry their reforms, and, on the other hand, it would be absurd for the Division to proscribe those who accepted new appointments under the dispensary while countenancing the position of present holders. The only course apparently left open was to pass a definite resolution expressing the feeling of the Division on the present unsatisfactory condition of the dispensary management. This, if passed by the necessary majority, would strengthen the hands of the present staff by enabling them to represent, with the united force of the whole local profession behind them, that unless the needed reforms were carried their positions would be untenable, while it would equally express the relationship of the Division to any new comers who should accept such appointments while the matter is still *sub judice*. Dr. Davidson therefore moved, on the recommendation of the Committee, the resolution above mentioned. This was seconded by Dr. CALLAGHAN and supported by Dr. MILNER MOORE. Dr. PICKUP proposed as an amendment the addition of the following rider:

> Subject to any alteration which may be suggested by the staff of the Coventry Dispensary and not disapproved by the Division.

This was seconded by Dr. FENTON. After some discussion the mover and seconder of the amendment agreed to alter this rider to read as follows:

> Subject to any alteration which may be suggested by the staff of the Coventry Dispensary and approved by the Division.

This was spoken to by Drs. CALLAGHAN, RICE, KENDRICK, WEBSTER, SNELL, and PHILLIPS; Drs. DAVIDSON and CALLAGHAN with the assent of the meeting, agreed to add this rider to the original proposition. Dr. WEBSTER then proposed that the resolution should be amended by being made to apply to all forms of contract practice; this was not seconded. The original proposition, with the added rider, was then put to the meeting, and it was carried unanimously.

Bradford Rule B.—The SECRETARY proposed, on behalf of the Committee, that the Bradford Rule B should be altered so that "fourteen days' notice" should read "seven days' notice." This was seconded by Dr. PHILLIPS and spoken to by Dr. WEBSTER. Dr. PICKUP proposed as an amendment that the notice should be "ten days"; this was seconded by Dr. WEBSTER, and, after some discussion, the amendment was withdrawn and the original proposition was carried, 21 voting for it and 1 against it.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

CHELSEA, RICHMOND, AND WANDSWORTH DIVISIONS.

A CONJOINT meeting of these three Divisions was held on April 27th at the High School for Girls, Putney.

Wandsworth Cottage Hospital for Children.—The business of the meeting was to consider the report of a Committee with reference to the Wandsworth Cottage Hospital for Children. It appears that the building which it is proposed to use as a hospital had been taken by some nuns who had come over from France in recent years, and, being too large for their requirements, the trustee of the property, Father Cooney, while prepared to equip it in every way fully as a hospital ready for use, was not prepared, once it had been taken over by a committee of management, to provide funds for its maintenance. He had made a suggestion that the Committee should have full power over financial matters, including legacies left to the hospital, or that a lease should be granted to the Committee by the trustee. A conjoint Committee had been appointed by the Divisions to elaborate a scheme for the medical conduct of the hospital, and in their report this Committee recommended that the scheme, if approved, should be submitted to a meeting of the profession at an early date. On the motion of Mr. HUGH R. KER, Mr. G. D. MACKINTOSH took the chair.—Dr. BIGGS, Chairman of the Joint Committee, moved, and Mr. LLEWELLYN WILLIAMS seconded, that the report of the Joint Committee be received.—This was carried *nem. con.*—On its adoption being moved, Dr. SHEARER said the Committee did not seem to have seen all the trustees. They had only seen one, and the others might not be bound by what he said. Further, the report only referred to a hospital for children not exceeding 12 years of age. From inquiries he had made in the neighbourhood he found that a children's hospital was not wanted, and he would prefer a paying hospital for adults as well as children, with wards appropriated to certain districts. He moved that the report be referred back to the Committee for further inquiry.—Dr. BIGGS said the Committee had had several interviews with Father Cooney, and he had

always given them to understand that he was the sole trustee, and had promised that whatever the profession agreed to should be carried out.—Mr. HOWELL said the position was this: Father Cooney was able somehow to provide money for building the hospital, and even for extension if necessary, but not for its maintenance. He did not think it safe for them to go in for it at all, unless they saw how it was to be carried on. They should not take the responsibility of assisting to start it without having any funds.—Dr. FOTHERGILL said they had been asked to give a scheme how the hospital should be conducted, and they had done so. He read certain suggestions left at his house that day by Father Cooney, as follows:

1. That the title "Wandsworth Hospital" should signify the Management Committee only.
2. That all bequests, etc., left to the Wandsworth Hospital should go to this Committee.
3. That the Committee shall be free to leave the present buildings and go to other quarters, thus establishing an independence between the trustee and the Managers.

Or a lease. The Committee are prepared to accept one of these schemes; they have not had time to decide which. It is hoped that either would be acceptable to the British Medical Association.

—Mr. HUGH KER said he agreed with Dr. Fothergill that they had nothing to do with the finance question at present. They had been asked to form a scheme for the conduct of the hospital, and had done so. If this scheme was passed now and accepted by the trustee, then would come the question how it was to be carried out.—Mr. LLEWELLYN WILLIAMS thought the hospital was not wanted, but that the best way was not actively to oppose it, but let it die of inanition.—Mr. HOWELL agreed that the hospital was not wanted. He referred to the financial difficulties in which so many of the London hospitals found themselves, and asked what was the use of increasing the number of beds to be provided for by building a hospital in Putney.—Mr. EDMUND OWEN thought it was remarkable that Father Cooney should be prepared to equip the hospital and not provide anything to maintain it. London hospitals were all more or less in need of funds. If he were in general practice in the neighbourhood he would have nothing to do with the hospital. It was the general practitioners who would apparently have to finance it. He advised them to tell Father Cooney that the hospital was not needed, and that it would be absurd to start it under present circumstances.—The amendment on being put to the vote was lost, as was also another one proposed by Mr. HOWELL that, having regard to the difficulty of raising funds for hospitals in general, it is inadvisable to prepare a scheme for a hospital in Putney; and the report was then carried *nem. con.*—The proposed constitution for the hospital was then considered and passed without material alteration, except the addition of a clause, proposed by Dr. BIGGS, that there should be a Medical Committee to which all medical questions should be referred.—The Conjoint Committee's thirteen recommendations were next considered *seriatim*, and were approved. These suggested that the hospital should be open only to children not exceeding 12 years of age; that there be no subscribers' letters; that no charge be made to any patients for maintenance or medical attendance; that no accident be admitted and no out-patients receive treatment; and that every patient on admission produce a certificate of suitability for admission from a registered medical practitioner practising in the vicinity of the hospital. On the motion of Dr. SHEARER, a recommendation was added that the nursing staff should be under the control of the Medical Committee.—Dr. GILBERT RICHARDSON next proposed:

That after a satisfactory arrangement shall have been made by the local medical profession with the Trustee of the Wandsworth Cottage Hospital for Children, the following be the procedure followed for the conduction by the Wandsworth Division of this Association of the annual election of the four representatives of the profession to act on the Committee of that hospital:

(*a*) That nominations be asked for from all registered medical practitioners practising in Putney, Southfields, Fairfield, and Springfield Wards of the Wandsworth Borough who shall be entitled to vote, and that when the hospital has 100 beds, Fulham is to be included.

(*b*) That only medical practitioners resident and practising in these districts shall be eligible for election.

(*c*) That any medical practitioner who shall have served as such representative for five years consecutively shall be ineligible for re-election for one year.

(*d*) That voting shall be by reply post-cards.

These proposals were carried. On the motion of Dr. CROOKSHANK it was resolved:

That each Division be asked to consider and approve a resolution in terms similar to the following:

"That in the opinion of this Division any member of the profession who shall accept an appointment at, or use, the proposed Wandsworth Cottage Hospital for Children before any conference of the representatives of that hospital with representatives of the Chelsea, Richmond, and Wandsworth Divisions shall have had a definite and satisfactory result, will act in a manner injurious to the interests of the medical profession in the district."

"That a copy of this resolution be sent to every medical practitioner within the area of this Division."

Vote of Thanks.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

STRATFORD DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Stratford Division was held on Thursday, April 26th, at the Alexandra Hotel, Stratford, E., at 9 p.m., Dr. STOCKER presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Contract Practice.—A discussion on Contract Practice was opened by Dr. ROSE. Dr. BEADLES gave a lengthy and interesting summary of his experience in connexion therewith, and after a prolonged discussion it was proposed by Dr. HAY and seconded by Dr. TAYLOR:

That this Division cannot endorse the recommendations of the Committee on Contract Practice, as they consider them based on insufficient information and impracticable in the present state of medical organization.

This was carried unanimously.

Hospital Out-patient Departments.—The question of hospital out-patient departments was then discussed, and as a result it was proposed by Dr. PARKER and seconded by Dr. ROSE:

That the resolution on hospital out-patient departments does not, in the opinion of this Division, suggest a satisfactory solution of the question.

This was carried unanimously.

Registration of Nurses.—In regard to the registration of nurses, after discussion, the Division approved of the method of registration for nurses proposed by the Select Committee of the House of Commons; and the separate registration of midwifery nurses on the basis of the Leicester resolutions was also approved of, an amendment being negatived.

The Ethical Committee.—The Division then considered the Ethical Committee's reply to a resolution of the Division. It was decided to take no further action in the matter, and the following resolution, proposed by Dr. HAY and seconded by Dr. PARKER, was unanimously carried:

That in view of the great delay and consequent unsatisfactory termination of the case of gross unprofessional advertising sent up from this Division to the Central Ethical Committee in September last, it is advisable in the interests of efficiency that a less leisurely method be adopted at head quarters in dealing with similar cases in the future.

The Honorary Secretary was instructed to communicate this resolution to the Medical Secretary.

Proposed Royal Charter.—The proposed application for a Royal Charter was then considered, and in general approved of, the following resolution, however, being carried unanimously on the motion of Dr. HAY, seconded by Dr. ROSE:

That the Division is of opinion that the time has now come for the abolition of Branches and Branch Councils, and that the Central Council of the Association should be elected by the Representatives of the Divisions at the Annual Representative Meeting.

Letter Nominations for Central Council.—A letter was read from the Wandsworth Division *re* conference for suggesting nominations for Central Council election, and Dr. Harold H. Beadles and Dr. Percy Rose were nominated as delegates from this Division.

The proceedings then terminated.

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Association Notices.

ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

The Annual Representative Meeting will take place in the Caxton Hall, Caxton Street, Victoria Street, London, S.W., on Tuesday, July 24th, immediately after the Annual General Meeting, which will be held at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; on Wednesday, July 25th, at 10 a.m.; on Thursday, July 26th, at 10 a.m. if required; also on Friday, July 27th, at 10 a.m. if required.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL,

GUY ELLISTON, *General Secretary.*

April 18th, 1906.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held on Wednesday, May 30th, at the Medical Library, University College, Bristol, at 4.30 p.m. Names of candidates for Representatives of the Branch upon the Central Council must be sent to Dr. Newman Neild on or before May 25th. Candidates must be nominated by three members.—NEWMAN NEILD, M.B., W. M. BEAUMONT, Honorary Secretaries.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: BRISTOL DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held on Thursday, May 17th, at 8 o'clock, at the Medical Library, University College, Bristol.—NEWMAN NEILD, M.B., Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH: TROWBRIDGE DIVISION.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of this Division will be held at the Town Hall, Trowbridge, on Wednesday, May 23rd, at 2.45 p.m. Business: To elect officers; consider communications from the Association *re* Charter, Contract Practice, etc., and any other business.—JOHN TUBB-THOMAS, The Halve, Trowbridge, Wilts, Honorary Secretary.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Birmingham Branch will be held at the Medical Institute on Thursday, June 14th, at 3.30 p.m., and nominations for offices should reach the Honorary Secretary not later than May 23rd.—T. SYDNEY SHORT, Honorary Secretary, 85, Edmund Street, Birmingham.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: CENTRAL DIVISION.—A special and general meeting will be held at the Medical Institute, on Wednesday, May 9th, at 4 p.m. Business: (1) To consider the proposed Royal Charter. Professor Morrison, a member of the Organization Committee, will explain the question, and propose a resolution. (2) On behalf of the Executive Committee, the Chairman, Mr. W. F. Haslam, will propose the adoption of certain ethical rules. Copies of these rules will be sent to each member.—E. D. KIRBY, Honorary Secretary.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: NORTH CUMBERLAND DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the Division will be held at the County Hotel, Carlisle, on Friday, May 25th, at 3.30 p.m. It is proposed to hold a discussion on "The Relation of Medical Men to their Patients."—NORMAN MACLAREN, Carlisle, Honorary Secretary.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: SCOTTISH DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the above Division will be held at the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, upon Tuesday, May 8th, at 2.30 p.m., when Dr. Gulland, of Edinburgh, will give an address on Blood Examination in General Practice.—GEORGE R. LIVINGSTON, Dumfries, Honorary Secretary.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—Election of a Representative of the Branch on the Central Council.—The nomination of candidates for the ensuing year must be made (in accordance with By-law 24) and sent to me in writing on or before May 21st.—C. H. W. PARKINSON, Honorary Secretary of Branch, Wimborne.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bournemouth Medical Society's Room, Shaftesbury Hall, on Thursday, May 24th. An agenda will be sent in due course. Members having cases to show or papers or other communications should give notice to the Honorary Secretary before May 16th. Candidates for election must send in applications signed by two members before May 16th.—C. H. W. PARKINSON, Honorary Secretary, Wimborne.

DUNDEE, PERTH, AND STIRLING BRANCHES.—The nomination of candidates for the office of Elective Member of Council for the ensuing year must be made in writing on or before May 14th to Dr. J. E. Moorhouse, 6, Melville Terrace, Stirling.—A. P. LOW, Honorary Secretary, Dundee Branch; W. A. TAYLOR, Honorary Secretary, Perth Branch; J. E. MOORHOUSE, Honorary Secretary, Stirling Branch.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—Notice is hereby given that nominations of two members for the office of Representative on the Central Council of the Association, each signed by not less than three members, must reach me not later than May 21st.—B. H. NICHOLSON, M.B., East Lodge, Colchester, General Secretary of Branch.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: LEIGH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Scientific Section of this Division will be held in the Co-operative Rooms, Ellesmere Street, Leigh, on May 10th, at 3.30.—J. CLAY BECKITT, Honorary Secretary, Leigh, Lancashire.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division, which is to take place on Thursday, May 24th, at 4 p.m., will be held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C.—E. W. GOODALL, Eastern Hospital, Homerton, N.E., Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.—A conference on the management of the Hampstead General Hospital will be held at the Hampstead Conservatoire on May 5th, at 4.30 p.m., under the auspices of the Hampstead Division of the British Medical Association. Agenda: (*a*) To consider and adopt the resolutions passed by the Hampstead Division, British Medical Association, on April 6th, which read: I. That an out-patient department in Hampstead is unnecessary. II. That the casualty department be kept distinct from any other department, and that casualty patients, if not suitable for admission, be seen once and thereon be referred to private practitioners, provident dispensaries, or Poor-law authorities. III. That there be greater facilities for general practitioners of the neighbourhood to attend in-patients. IV. That there should be a service limit as well as an age limit to appointments to the medical staff. V. That the outside medical profession should be adequately represented on the Board. (*b*) To consider the recent circular letter and questions issued by the council of the hospital to the medical profession in Hampstead, in which, on the suggestion of the Executive Committee of King Edward's Hospital Fund, the question of the appointment of consultants to the acting staff of the hospital is raised. (*c*) To decide upon the steps to be taken to carry into effect the objects of this conference.—REGINALD A. YELD, M.D., Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held on Friday, May 25th, at 4 p.m., at the Islington Infirmary, Highgate Hill. Business: Election of officers; annual report and financial statement; to consider registration of nurses; the election of Representatives on the General Medical Council, and the business to be brought before the Annual Representative Meeting of the Association.—WM. WYNN WESTCOTT, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WANDSWORTH DIVISION.—A special meeting will be held on Thursday, May 10th, at 3.45 p.m., at Crichton's Restaurant, Clapham Junction, to discuss the details of the proposed Royal Charter and consider any alterations, additions, or resolutions with regard to same that members may wish to submit.—E. ROWLAND FOTHERGILL, Honorary Secretary.

The annual meeting will take place, preceding the annual dinner to be held in the Banqueting Hall, Battersea Town Hall, on Friday, May 25th, at 7 p.m. Invitations to attend have been issued and accepted by the M.P.'s for Wandsworth and Clapham; the Mayors of Battersea, Wandsworth and Wimbledon; the late candidates for Parliament in the Battersea, Clapham, Wandsworth, and Wimbledon areas; local members of the L.C.C. and S.C.C.; the Chairman, Wandsworth Guardians; the Chairman, Central Council; the President of the Branch; the Director-General A.M.S.; the Chairman, Organization Committee; and several others. The Committee hope the members of the Division will attend in large numbers and bring their medical friends. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each.—A. J. SWALLOW, Honorary Secretary Dinner Committee, 61, South Side, Clapham Common.

MIDLAND BRANCH.—Nominations of candidates for the Council of the Association for the ensuing year must be sent before May 14th to ASTLEY V. CLARKE, 37, London Road, Leicester, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—Election of Representatives on the Central Council.—Notice is hereby given that nominations of two Representatives for the North of England Branch, each signed by not less than three members, must reach me not later than May 21st.—ALFRED COX, Cotfield House, Gateshead, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH WALES BRANCH: NORTH CARNARVONSHIRE AND ANGLESEA DIVISION.—The annual meeting of this Division will be held at the British Hotel, Bangor, on Wednesday, May 30th, for the election of officers, Representatives, etc., and other business. Members having papers to read or cases to show will please notify the honorary secretary on or before May 19th.—H. JONES ROBERTS, Pen-y-groes, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at Norwood on Wednesday, June 27th, Dr. Hetley, President-elect, in the chair. The following will be the agenda: (1) To elect the officers of the Branch. (This will be done by voting papers sent to each member of the Branch. Nominations by three members for the offices of President-elect, Vice-Presidents, and Secretary may be sent to the Honorary Secretary on or before May 21st.) (2) To receive the annual report of the Branch. (3) To transact any business that may be transacted by an ordinary meeting. N.B.—Three members to represent the Branch on the Central Council will also be elected by voting papers. Nominations for these posts, each of three members in writing, should be sent to the Secretary of the Branch on or before May 21st.—H. M. STEWART, Dyffryn, 123, Thurlow Park Road, Dulwich, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at the Croydon General Hospital on Thursday, May 17th. Business meeting, chairman, Dr. Rosser. Agenda: (*a*) Minutes of the previous meeting. (*b*) Election of officers for the coming year. (*c*) To decide when and where the next meeting shall be held, and to elect a chairman. (*d*) Other business. Clinical meeting, chairman, Mr. C. Wray. Members willing to exhibit cases are requested to communicate with the honorary secretary not later than May 12th. A detailed agenda paper will be issued later. Dinner at the Greyhound Hotel, charge 5s., exclusive of wine. Members intending to remain to dinner are requested to send a post-card to that effect to E. H. WILLOCK, 113, London Road, Croydon, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: NORWOOD DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will take place at the Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood, on Thursday, May 10th, at 4 p.m., Henry Hetley, M.D., of Upper Norwood, in the chair. Agenda: (1) Minutes of last meeting. (2) To decide when and where the next meeting shall be held, and to nominate a member to take the chair thereat. (3) Draft of proposed Royal Charter (vide SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, March 24th, 1906).—H. J. PRANGLEY, Anerley, S.E., Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: REIGATE DIVISION.—A meeting will be held at the Cottage Hospital, Redhill, on Thursday, May 17th, at 3.30 p.m., Dr. John Walters, J.P., in the chair. Agenda: To elect a Representative of the Division, and to consider any other Association business. A discussion on some points in Urinary Surgery will be opened by Mr. James Berry, B.S., M.B.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., Surgeon to the Royal Free Hospital. Some interesting specimens will be shown. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are invited to attend and to introduce professional friends. Tea will be provided after the meeting.—W. A. BERRIDGE, Honorary Secretary, Redhill.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.—In accordance with the by-laws, nominations of a member of Central Council to represent this Branch must reach me on or before May 12th.—E. HARRIES JONES, Honorary Secretary, 45, Sheep Street, Northampton.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—Election of Representatives on Central Council.—Nominations in writing, signed by three members of the Branch, must be sent in on or before May 24th to Dr. FRANK G. THOMAS, 68, Walter Road, Swansea.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—The nomination of candidates for the office of elective members of Council (Branch Representatives on the Central Council of the Association) for the ensuing year must be made by three electors, and in writing, on or before May 19th, to the Honorary Secretary of the Branch, Mr. G. YOUNG EALES, 1, Matlock Terrace, Torquay.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—In accordance with the By-laws notice is hereby given that nominations of Representatives of this Branch in the Council of the Association must be received by me, duly signed by three electors and in writing, on or before May 26th.—G. PETGRAVE JOHNSON, Stoke-upon-Trent, Honorary Secretary.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The third general meeting of the session will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, May 10th. The President, Dr. G. S. Hatton, will take the chair at 3.30 p.m. Business: (1) Minutes of the last general meeting. (2) Correspondence. (3) Exhibition of Living Cases. (4) Paper, B. Cridland: Some Remarks on the Treatment of Squint. (5) Paper, E. Deanesly: A Survey of Surgical Work in a Provincial General Hospital. (6) Exhibition of Pathological Specimens, etc. A dinner will be arranged for 6.30 p.m. (charge 5s.), should a sufficient number of names be sent in.—G. PETGRAVE JOHNSON, Stoke-on-Trent, Honorary General Secretary.

ULSTER BRANCH.—The spring meeting of this Branch will be held in Derry on Saturday, May 5th. Members having any communications to make to the meeting will please send me particulars not later than April 24th.—CECIL SHAW, M.D., Belfast, Honorary Secretary.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.—In accordance with the resolution passed at the spring meeting last month, a special meeting will be held at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital on Tuesday, May 8th, when the President, Mr. Gordon Henry, will take the chair at 3.45 p.m., to discuss the proposed application for a Royal Charter for the British Medical Association, and other business if necessary. Details of the proposed Charter will be found in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of March 24th.—W. B. WINCKWORTH, Taunton, Honorary Secretary.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Eye and Ear Hospital, Bradford, on Wednesday, June 13th. In accordance with By-law 24 notice is hereby given that nominations for Representatives on the Council of the Association must be received by me, in writing, duly signed by three members of the Branch, on or before May 19th.—ADOLPH BRONNER, M.D., 33, Manor Row, Bradford, Honorary Secretary.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: WALTER J. BEARBLOCK, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Hawke*, on recommissioning, May 15th; FRANK BRADSHAW, Staff Surgeon, to the *Edgar*, and HENRY W. FINLAYSON, M.B., Staff Surgeon, to the *Sutlej*, both on recommissioning, May 15th; ALFRED B. COX, M.B., Surgeon, to the *Sutlej*, on recommissioning, May 15th: JOHN H. STENHOUSE, M.B., Fleet Surgeon, to the *Queen*, on recommissioning, and LAWRENCE BIDWELL, to the *Abouhir*, vice Stenhouse, both May 8th; JOHN L. THOMAS, Fleet Surgeon, to the *President*, additional, for three months' course at West London Hospital, April 30th: GEORGE M. O. RICHARDS, Surgeon, to the *Exmouth*, vice Thomas, and ELIJAH R. L. THOMAS, Surgeon, to the *Victory*, for Royal Naval Barracks, vice Richards, both April 26th.

Fleet Surgeon GRAHAM E. KENNEDY has been placed on the retired list at his own request, under date April 27th. Fleet-Surgeon Kennedy's appointment as Surgeon is dated February 18th, 1886, and his promotion to the rank of Fleet-Surgeon, February 18th, 1902.

Sub-Lieutenants ERNEST L. COLLEY-GRATTAN and WILLIAM RAIGERSFELD PHILLIMORE have been promoted to be Lieutenants, the former with seniority of August 30th, 1905, and reappointed to the *Thames*, April 24th, 1906, and the latter with seniority of April 15th, and reappointed to the *Goliath*. Both officers were Naval Cadets on January 15th, 1901, Lieutenant Colley-Grattan becoming Sub-Lieutenant on May 30th, 1904, and Lieutenant Phillimore on April 15th in the same year.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. R. STUART, M.B., has been posted to the 5th (Mhow) Division, and Lieutenant-Colonel J. MEEK, M.D., to the 6th (Poonah) Division.

Lieutenant-Colonel C. G. D. MOSSE has been ordered to Jamaica for duty.

Major THOMAS MCCULLOCH, M.B., Deputy Assistant Director-General A.M.S., returning from Malta, is to join the London District from May 1st.

Captain H. E. J. A. HOWLEY, from Bermuda, and Captain J. G. FOSTER, from Mauritius, have been appointed for duty at Belfast early in May.

Lieutenant PERCY FARRANT, from the Seconded List, is appointed to be Lieutenant, under date April 1st.

Lieutenant W. BYAM has been ordered to Egypt for duty.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL KENNETH MCLEOD, M.D., retired, Indian Medical Service, is appointed to be a Honorary Physician to the King, and is granted the honorary rank of Colonel, vice Deputy-Surgeon-General T. E. Charles, M.D., deceased. Dated May 2nd.

Colonel P. H. BENSON, P.M.O., Madras Brigade, has been appointed to act as Surgeon-General with the Government of Madras during the absence on leave of Surgeon-General W. R. Browne.

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

SURGEON-CAPTAIN THOMAS HOLT, M.B., is promoted to be Surgeon-Major, dated April 7th.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

THE King has been graciously pleased to confer the Volunteer Officers' Decoration upon the undermentioned officers of the Volunteer Force:

In the Northern Command (Rifles) Surgeon-Lieutenant (Hon. Major Volunteers) JOHN C. NICHOL, M.D., of the 4th Volunteer Battalion Manchester Regiment.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 9,435 births and 5,080 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, April 28th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 17.0, 17.1 and 17.3 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, declined again last week to 16.7 per 1,000. Among the several towns the rates ranged from 7.7 in Walsall, 7.9 in Burton-on-Trent, 8.3 in Northampton, 8.8 in East Ham, 9.0 in Hornsey, and 9.8 in Brighton, to 20.2 in Tynemouth, 20.3 in Huddersfield and in Middlesbrough, 20.9 in Stockport, 21.1 in Oldham, 22.3 in Birmingham, 22.8 in Great Yarmouth and in Hanley, and 23.4 in Liverpool. In London the rate of mortality was 17.3 per 1,000, while it averaged 16.5 per 1,000 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.6 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.7 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns the rates ranged upwards to 2.6 in Tottenham and in Birmingham, 2.9 in Tynemouth, 3.0 in Bristol, 3.1 in Middlesbrough, 3.9 in Liverpool, 4.4 in Bury, and 6.9 in Great Yarmouth. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.4 in Manchester, 1.6 in Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.9 in Bristol and in Tynemouth, 2.0 in Burnley, 2.1 in Liverpool and in Middlesbrough, 4.4 in Bury, and 5.0 in Great Yarmouth; scarlet fever of 1.3 in Tottenham; diphtheria of 1.3 in Walthamstow; whooping-cough of 1.0 in West Ham, 1.3 in Reading, 1.4 in Birmingham and in Cardiff, 1.5 in West Bromwich and in Warrington, and 1.6 in Wallasey; and diarrhoea of 1.1 in Oldham. The mortality from enteric fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns. No fatal case of small-pox was registered last week in any of the seventy-six towns. The number of small-pox patients in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals, which had been 7 on each of the two preceding Saturdays, had declined to 6 on Saturday last, April 28th; no new case was admitted during the week, against 1 in the preceding week. The number of scarlet fever cases remaining under treatment in these hospitals, and in the London Fever Hospital, at the end of last week was 2,240, against 2,322, 2,301, and 2,225 at the end of the three preceding weeks; 314 new cases were admitted during the week, against 292, 270, and 288 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTCH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, April 28th, 1,011 births and 631 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scotch towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 19.4, 19.1, and 17.6 per 1,00 in the three preceding weeks, rose again to 18.4 per 1,000 last week, and was 1.7 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scotch towns the death-rates ranged from 12 6 in Leith and 14.0 in Aberdeen to 21.4 in Greenock and 23.4 in Paisley. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.8 per 1,000 in these towns, the highest rates being recorded in Leith and Greenock. The 303 deaths registered in Glasgow included 12 which were referred to measles, 3 to diphtheria, 13 to whooping-cough, and 5 to diarrhoea. Four fatal cases of measles, 3 of scarlet fever, 2 of whooping-cough, and 2 of diarrhoea were recorded in Edinburgh: 4 of whooping-cough in Dundee; 2 of whooping-cough in Leith; and 3 of diarrhoea in Greenock.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, April 28th, 571 births and 394 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 538 births and 425 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 21.2, 20.4, and 17.3 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 21.8 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 5.1 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 18.6 in Londonderry and 20.5 in Limerick to 22.4 in Dublin and 26.0 in Cork. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 1.4 per 1,000, or 0.3 per 1,000 higher than during the preceding period, the highest figure—3.7—being recorded in Londonderry. From whooping-cough 18 deaths were recorded in Belfast, and from typhus 1 in Galway.

Vacancies and Appointments.

VACANCIES.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Clapham Road, S.W.—Senior and Junior Resident Medical Officers. Honorarium at the rate of £20 and £10 a year respectively.

BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL.—Junior Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.—Resident Surgical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

BRECKNOCK COUNTY AND BOROUGH INFIRMARY.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

BUXTON: DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £70 per annum.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY.—John Lucas Walker Studentship. Annual value, £200.

CANTERBURY: KENT AND CANTERBURY HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £90 per annum.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum. (2) Physician to Out-patients. (3) Surgeon-Dentist.

COLCHESTER: ESSEX AND COLCHESTER HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary, £60 per annum.

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

DEVONPORT: ROYAL ALBERT HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

HANTS COUNTY ASYLUM.—Second Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary, £175 per annum.

MAIDSTONE: WEST KENT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

MANCHESTER AND SALFORD HOSPITAL FOR SKIN DISEASES.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE: CITY ASYLUM, Gosforth.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £140, rising to £160, per annum.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE INFIRMARY AND EYE HOSPITAL, Hartshill.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

ROYAL EYE HOSPITAL, Southwark, S.E.—(1) Pathologist; (2) Refraction Assistant. Honorarium, £50 and £40 per annum respectively.

SHEFFIELD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Junior Assistant House-Surgeon. (2) Junior House-Physician. Salary, £65 and £60 per annum respectively.

SHEFFIELD UNION HOSPITAL.—Resident Medical Officer and Resident Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 and £80 per annum respectively, and £20 allowance each for extra services.

SOCIETY OF APOTHECARIES OF LONDON.—Examiner in Midwifery.

SOMERSET AND BATH ASYLUM, Wells.—Second Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £130 rising to £150 per annum.

SWANSEA GENERAL AND EYE HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £50 per annum for the first six months and £75 after.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Tite Street, S.W.—(1) Honorary Anaesthetist. (2) Surgeon to in-patients. (3) House-Surgeon. Honorarium, £25.

WEST END HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM, Welbeck Street, W.—Clinical Assistant.

WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL.—Male Assistant Medical Officer at Scalebor Park Private Asylum. Salary, £150 per annum.

WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Honorary Surgeon.

WIGAN: ROYAL ALBERT EDWARD INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

APPOINTMENTS.

BEESLEY, Lewis, F.R.C.S.E., Resident Surgeon, Chalmers Hospital, Edinburgh.

BELL, T., L.R.C.P.Lond., M.R.C.S., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Uppingham District, co. Rutland.

DANIEL, W. P. T., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer, St. George-in-the-East Parish.

HORGAN, J., L.R.C.P.and S.Edin., L.F.P.S.Glas., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Kenmare District, co. Kerry.

LANE, J. S., L.R.C.P. and S.Irel., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Crettyard District, Queen's County.

LAWSON, T. C., M.R.C.S., L.S.A., District Medical Officer of the Wimborne and Cranborne Union.

LENNANE, G. Q., F.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Irel., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health to the Borough of Battersea.

PARSONS, E. D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Junior Resident Assistant Medical Superintendent, St. Pancras Parish Infirmary.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

JOHNSTON.—At Corstorphine House, Corstorphine, N.B., on 24th ult., the wife of T. N. Johnston, M.B., C.M., F.R.S.E., of a daughter.

KNIGHTS RAYSON.—On February 16th, at Steytlerville, C.C., South Africa, the wife of H. Knights Rayson, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of a daughter.

STRACEY.—At Sutton Bonnington, Loughborough, on April 23rd, the wife of Bernard Stracey, M.B., Ch.B., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BENNETT—MACOWAN.—At Holy Trinity Church, Richmond, Surrey, on 26th April, Edward Bennett, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.Ed., son of the late Edward Augustus Bennett, M.R.C.S., L.S.A., of Marsden Hall, Nelson, to Frances Louisa, youngest daughter of Rev. J. M. MacOwan, Spring Grove Road, Richmond.

MURIEL—OWTRAM.—On April 25th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, St. John's, Woking, Surrey, by the Rev. H. Langham Muriel, M.A., Priest Vicar of Lichfield Cathedral, brother of the bridegroom, assisted by the Rev. Wm. Bury, M.A. (Rural Dean), uncle of the bride, George Bertram Muriel, M.B., B.C.Cantab., second son of Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Muriel, The Retreat, Whitehaven, to Janet Beatrice, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Owtram, of "The Dawn," St. John's, Woking.

PENDRED—MATTHEW.—On April 23rd, at St. Barnabas, Addison Road, Kensington, by the Rev. J. Grant, M.A., assisted by the Rev. T. Guy Rogers, B.D., Vaughan Pendred, M.D., F.R.C.S.Eng., of Coventry, eldest son of Vaughan Pendred, M.I.M.E., and Mrs. Pendred, of Crohill, Pendennis Road, Streatham, to Beatrice Elizabeth, younger daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Mordaunt Matthew, of 22, Holland Road, Kensington, W.

SHUTER—SAUNDBY.—On the 25th ult., at the Parish Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham, by the Rev. Canon Foakes Jackson, D.D., Dean of Jesus College, Cambridge, assisted by the Rev. A. Roberton, Alfred Dever, second son of William Shuter, of 22, Belsize Grove, N.W., to Marjorie Spencer, daughter of Robert Saundby, M.D., J.P., Professor of Medicine in the University of Birmingham.

THOMPSON—HOOPER.—On April 24th, at the Parish Church, Ripley, Derbyshire, by the Rev. E. T. Pegg, Walter Thompson, F.R.C.S. Eng., of 4, Park Square, Leeds, youngest son of the late Samuel Thompson, of East Rigton, Yorkshire, to Ann Elizabeth Hooper, M.B., B.S.Lond., daughter of Marshall Hooper, J.P., of Ripley, Derbyshire.

DEATH.

MALLOCH.—At Elie, Fifeshire, on the 28th ult., Katie Macpherson, wife of John T. Malloch, L.R.C.P. and S.Ed.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

TUESDAY.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—Drs. Guthrie Rankin and Ernest C. Mackay: Achondroplasia—with Epidiascope demonstration.

WEDNESDAY.

DERMATOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, W.C., 5.15 p.m.—Cases and specimens.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL, Gower Street, W.C., 4 p.m.—Clinical Lecture on the Diagnosis and Treatment of Tuberculous Disease of the Spine.

THURSDAY.

BRITISH GYNAECOLOGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8 p.m.—Paper, Mrs. Scharlieb: The Advantages of the Abdominal Route in Operations for Cancer of the Uterus.

HARVEIAN SOCIETY OF LONDON, Paddington Infirmary, Harrow Road, W., 8.30 p.m.—Clinical meeting.

FRIDAY.

CLINICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 8.30 p.m.—The following papers will be read:—Mr. Cuthbert Wallace: Case of Cystic Tumour of the Spermatic Cord. Mr. A. C. Hudson: Carcinoma of the Thyroid Gland. Mr. E. W. Roughton: Case of Perforated Gastric Ulcer Treated by Evisceration and Irrigation. Mr. John D. Malcolm: Complete Removal of a Multilocular Cyst of the Pancreas; Intestinal Anastomosis for Partial Obstruction Sixteen Days later.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Wednesday, 5 p.m. Larynx.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, 4 p.m.—Monday, Electrical; Thursday, Surgical.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Eye. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows: Monday, Bronchiectasis; Tuesday, Gastric Ulcer; Wednesday, Eccentricity and Insanity; Thursday, Some Points in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Frontal Sinusitis.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m. Neuritis, Friday, 3.30 p.m., Cerebral Tumours.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Tottenham Hospital, N.—The following clinical lectures have been arranged for next week at 4.30 p.m.: Tuesday, Mental Affections of Childhood and Adolescence; Thursday, Clinical Examination of the Blood.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith Road, London, W.—The following are the arrangements for next week: Daily, 2.15 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics. Monday, 12 noon, Pathological Demonstration; 3 p.m., Demonstration in Medical Wards; 5 p.m., Cerebral Haemorrhage and Thrombosis: Tuesday, 5 p.m., Cerebral Haemorrhage and Thrombosis; Wednesday, 5 p.m., Practical Medicine; Thursday, 4 p.m., Demonstration in Surgical Wards; 5 p.m., Practical Surgery; Friday, 3 p.m., Demonstration in Medical Wards; 5 p.m., Cases of Skin Disease.

CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
MAY.	
4 FRIDAY	LONDON: Ethical Committee, 3.30 p.m. " Volunteer Medical Service Committee, 2.30 p.m.
5 SATURDAY	HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Conference on the Management of the Hampstead General Hospital, Hampstead Conservatoire, 4.30 p.m. ULSTER BRANCH, Spring Meeting, Derry.
6 Sunday	
7 MONDAY	
8 TUESDAY	LONDON: Premises and Library Committee, 2.30 p.m. SCOTTISH DIVISION, *Border Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, 2.30 p.m. WEST SOMERSET BRANCH, Taunton and Somerset Hospital, 3.45 p.m.
9 WEDNESDAY	CENTRAL DIVISION, *Birmingham Branch*, Medical Institute, 4 p.m.
10 THURSDAY	LONDON: Hospitals Committee, 2 p.m. NORWOOD DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood, 4 p.m. STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH, Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, 3.30 p.m.; Dinner, 6.30 p.m. WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Special Meeting, Crichton's Restaurant, Clapham Junction, 3.45 p.m.
11 FRIDAY	HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*.
12 SATURDAY	
13 Sunday	
14 MONDAY	
15 TUESDAY	
MAY *(continued)*.	
16 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Medico-Political Committee, 3 p.m. (N.B. *Change of Date.*)
17 THURSDAY	BRISTOL DIVISION, *Bath and Bristol Branch*, Medical Library, University College, Bristol, 8 p.m. CARDIFF DIVISION, *South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch*, Annual Meeting. CROYDON DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Annual Meeting, Croydon General Hospital; Dinner, Greyhound Hotel. REIGATE DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Cottage Hospital, Redhill, 3.30 p.m.
18 FRIDAY	
19 SATURDAY	
20 Sunday	
21 MONDAY	
22 TUESDAY	
23 WEDNESDAY	ALTRINCHAM DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Sale Hall (Garden Party by Sir W. H. Bailey). TROWBRIDGE DIVISION, *Bath and Bristol Branch*, Town Hall, Trowbridge, 2.45 p.m.
24 THURSDAY	CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C., 4 p.m.
25 FRIDAY	NORTH CUMBERLAND DIVISION, *Border Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, County Hotel, Carlisle, 3.30 p.m. ST. PANCRAS AND ISLINGTON DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Islington Infirmary, Highgate Hill, 4 p.m. WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting preceding Annual Dinner, Banqueting Hall, Battersea Town Hall, 7 p.m.
26 SATURDAY	

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